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# Rade language

**Rade** (Rhade; Rade: *klei Êđê*; Vietnamese: *tiếng Ê-đê* or *tiếng Ê Đê*), is an Austronesian language of southern Vietnam. There may be some speakers in Cambodia. It is a member of the Chamic subgroup, and is closely related to the Cham language of central Vietnam.[4]

| Rade | |
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| *klei Êđê* | |
| **Native to** | Vietnam |
| **Ethnicity** | Rade |
| **Native speakers** | 180,000 in Vietnam (2007)[1] |
| **Language family** | Austronesian<br>▪ Malayo-Polynesian<br>▪ Malayo-Sumbawan (?)<br>▪ Chamic<br>▪ Highlands<br>▪ **Rade** |
| **Writing system** | Latin |
| **Language codes** | |
| **ISO 639-3** | Either:<br>`rad` – Rade<br>`ibh` – Bih |
| **Glottolog** | `rade1240 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/rade1240)` Rade[2]<br>`biha1246 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/biha1246)` Bih[3] |

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## Dialects

Đoàn Văn Phúc (1998:24)[5] lists 9 dialects of Ede. They are spoken mostly in Đắk Lắk Province in the Central Highlands region of Vietnam.

- **Kpă**: spoken throughout Buôn Ma Thuột
- **Krung**: spoken in Ea H'leo and Krông Năng; some Krung also live among the Jarai in Gia Lai Province
- **Adham**: spoken in Krông Buk, Krông Năng, and Ea H'leo
- **Ktul**: spoken in Krông Bông and the southern part of Krông Pắk
- **Drao** (Kơdrao): spoken in M'Đrăk (in the townships of Krông Jing, Cư M'Ta, and Ea Trang)
- **Blô**: spoken in M'Đrăk (small population)
- **Êpan**: spoken in M'Đrăk (small population)
- **Mdhur**: spoken in Ea Kar and M'Đrăk; also in Gia Lai Province and Phu Yen Province
- **Bih**: spoken in Krông Ana and in the southern part of Buôn Ma Thuột

**Bih**, which has about 1,000 speakers, may be a separate language.[6][7] Tam Nguyen (2015) reported that there are only 10 speakers of Bih out of an ethnic population of about 400 people.[8]

A patrilineal Ede subgroup known as the **Hmok** or **Hmok Pai** is found in the Buôn Ma Thuột area (Phạm 2005:212).[9]

# Classification

Đoàn Văn Phúc (1998:23)[5] provides the following classification for the Ede dialects. Đoàn (1998) also provides a 1,000-word vocabulary list for all of the 9 Ede dialects.

- Area 1
  - *Area 1.1*: Krung, Kpă, Adham
  - *Area 1.2*: Drao. Êpan, Ktul
  - Blô (mixture of areas 1.1 and 1.2, as well as Mdhur)
- Area 2
  - Mdhur
  - Bih

Đoàn Văn Phúc (1998:23)[5] assigns the following cognacy percentages for comparisons between Ede Kpă and the other 8 dialects of Ede, with Bih as the most divergent Ede dialect.

- Kpă - Krung: 85.5%
- Kpă - Adham: 82%
- Kpă - Ktul: 82%
- Kpă - Mdhur: 80%
- Kpă - Blô: 82%
- Kpă - Êpan: 85%
- Kpă - Drao: 81%
- Kpă - Bih: 73%

# Vocabulary

- *Khoa sang* - the most senior in age and authority
- Dega - Protestant of Christian (single word identity of E-de)
- Ih - you
- Ung - husband
- Ñu - her/him
- Diñu - they
- Drei - we
- khăp - love
- bi êmut - hate
- ama - father, dad daddy
- jhat - ugly, bad
- siam - pretty
- siam mniê - beautiful girl
- jāk- good
- khăp - love
- brei - give

- djō - true
- nao - go
- kâo - I/me
- anăn - name
- čar - country
- čiăng - want/like
- Aê Diê - God
- blŭ - speak
- klei blŭ - language
- bur - rice porridge
- êmong - fat
- êwang - skinny
- jŭ - black
- hruê/hrê - to be from
- mŏng - from
- sa, dua, tlâo, pă, êma - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
- năm, kjuh,sa-băn, dua-băn, pluh: 6,7,8,9,10
- čar my/čar amêrik - America
- čar krŭr - Cambodia
- anak - person
- hriăm - learn
- roă/ruă - sound of displeasure/pain
- Buôn Ama Y'Thuôt - Buôn Ma Thuôt
- čih - type/write
- klei my - English
- klei êdê - Rade/Ede

# Phonology

The spelling is shown in italics.

## Vowels

| | Front | | Central | | Back | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | short | long | short | long | short | long |
| **High** | *ĭ* /i̯/ | *i* /iː/ | *ŭ* /ɨ̯/ | *ư* /ɨː/ | *ŭ* /u̯/ | *u* /uː/ |
| **Mid** | *ê̆* /e̯/ | *ê* /eː/ | *ŏ* /ə̯/ | *ơ* /əː/ | *ô̆* /o̯/ | *ô* /oː/ |
| **Low** | *ĕ* /ɛ̯/ | *e* /ɛː/ | *ă* /a̯/ | *a* /aː/ | *ŏ* /ɔ̯/ | *o* /ɔː/ |

## Consonants

| | | Labial | Alveolar | Palatal | Velar | Glottal |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Nasal** | | *m* /m/ | *n* /n/ | *ñ* /ɲ/ | *ng* /ŋ/ | |
| **Stop** | **voiceless** | *p* /p/ | *t* /t/ | *č* /c/ | *k* /k/ | /ʔ/ |
| | **aspirated** | *ph* /pʰ/ | *th* /tʰ/ | *čh* /cʰ/ | *kh* /kʰ/ | |
| | **voiced** | *b* /b/ | *d* /d/ | *j* /ɟ/ | *g* /g/ | |
| | **implosive** | *ƀ* /ɓ/ | *đ* /ɗ/ | *dj* /ʄ/ | | |
| **Fricative** | | | *s* /s/ | | | *h* /h/ |
| **Approximant** | | *w* /w/ | *l* /l/ | *y* /j/ | | |
| **Rhotic** | | | *r* /r/ | | | |

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# External links

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